MINUTES

OF THE

Twenty-Second Annual Session

OF THE

CHICKASAHAY

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

Quitman Baptist Church,

November 27, 28 & 29, 1897.

OFFICERS.

L. M. STONE, Moderator............MERIDIAN, MISS
J. S. HARDEE, Clerk and Treasurer............PACHUTA, MISS

[illegible] with best wishes;

The next meeting will be held with South Side Church, Meridian, beginning on Saturday before fourth Sunday in September, 1898.

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MINUTES.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The CHICKASAHAY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met in its Twenty Second Annual Session with Quitman church at 10:40 a. m., November 30, 1897.

Devotional exercises by Moderator and prayer by A. V. Rowe.

The original date of meeting had been postponed on account of quarantine restrictions throughout the State.

At 11:12 Moderator called the body to order and proceeded to business.

On motion, the reading of letters was discontinued and letters referred to a committee to be appointed by Moderator, known as "Digest of Church Letters."

The following delegates represented the churches as they appear:

Barnett—A. W. Noble, W. B. Craft.

Big Creek—Not represented.

Buckatunna—Not represented.

Clear Creek—W. B. Falconer.

Concord—Not represented.

Chicora—E. B. Hale, B. A. Ashworth.

DeSoto—G. B. Power, A. I. Jones.

Enterprise—H. C. Dear, J. L. Buckley.

Fairfield—J. A. W. Lowry.

Fairmount—Not Represented.

Fifteenth Avenue, Meridian—W. J. David, J. A. Hackett.

Forty-first Avenue—L. A. Duncan.

First Church, Meridian—R. A. Venable, W. S. Culpepper, G. L. Donald, Jr., F. Heiss.

Harmony—D. R. Red, Jr., W. S. Dobbs.
Hepzibah—W. J. Stallings, S. R. Neely.
Highland—A. D. McRaven, L. M. Stone.
Lauderdale—Not represented.
Mount Zion—C. D. Ogwynn.
Mt. Gilead—J. M. Ross, R. H. Shamberger.
New Hope—S. E. Hutchison, S. M. McKee.
Narkeeta—Not represented.
Oak Grove—H. B. Wright, Early Mabry.
Pachuta—T. E. Waldrup, R. C. Rogers.
Poplar Springs—J. R. Myers.
Quitman—C. C. McNeil, G. L. Donald, Sr.
Shubuta—J. M. Beard, W. H. Patton.
Stonewall—Mason Green, L. E. Marshall, J. D. Priester.
South Side—Geo. E. Farr, C. C. Dunn.
State Line—Not represented.
Vossburg—Not represented.
Salem or Waynesboro—A. G. Lowrey.

The hour for introductory sermon arrived and on motion, business was suspended and organization of body postponed 'till after the sermon.

The associational sermon was preached by R. A. Venable, he using 32nd verse of 12th chapter 1st Chronicles for the basis of his remarks.

On motion, adjourned till 2 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Prayer by A. J. Rogers.

Association came to order at 3 p. m.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Financial—G. L. Donald, Sr., C. C. Dunn, J. M. Beard.

Digest of Church Letters—W. S. Culpepper, J. L. Buckley, L. A. Duncan.

On motion, officers were elected by ballot as follows: L. M. Stone, Moderator; J. S. Hardee, Clerk and Treasurer.

As a report on State Missions had been previously prepared, on motion, W. J. David read same and A. V. Rowe made an address on State Mission work.

Immediately after the adoption of above report, a collection was taken for State Missions amounting to $3.20.

By motion, report on Publications was made a special subject for Saturday night; on Sunday Schools, Sunday morning; Home and Foreign Missions, Sunday night.

Petitionary letters were called for; Pleasant Grove responded. J. C. McDonald and T. Shoemaker were the delegates. The church was cordially received into the body.

Corresponding messengers were invited to take seats in the assembly. The following names were enrolled: B. E. Lucas, of Liberty; J. R. Farish, of Lebanon; J. L. Williams, W. E. Fairchild, W. L. Brunson, of Bethlehem; A. V. Rowe, of State Board. The Baptist Record was ably represented by J. A. Hackett and J. R. Farish.

On motion, Moderator appointed a committee to report on Baptist Orphanage.

The following committees were announced:

Publications—W. S. Culpepper, R. H. Shamberger, J. R. Myers.

Foreign Missions—C. C. Dunn, W. J. David, T. E. Waldrup.

Education—J. L. Buckley, G. L. Donald, Jr., D. R. Red, Jr.

Orphanage—A. J. Rogers, J. A. W. Lowry, A. W. Noble.

Sunday Schools—L. A. Duncan, W. B. Craft, A. I. Jones.

Temperance—W. H. Patton, R. C. Rogers, W. J. Stallings.

Home Missions—G. L. Donald, Sr., Frank Heiss, J. M. Ross.

NIGHT SESSION.

Prayer by J. L. Williams.

Report on Publications was read, discussed and on motion, was adopted.

By motion, adjourned till 9:30 Sunday morning.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Reading and devotional exercises by Moderator.

Hour for report on Sunday Schools arrived. Report was read, discussed and by motion discontinued till reassembling of body at 2:30 p. m.

SPECIAL HOUR.

W. J. David, as previously announced preached at 11 a. m. Reading a portion of 3rd chapter of First Timothy.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

Reading by Moderator and prayer by I. L. Stone.

Discussion of Sunday School report was resumed and after several interesting talks was adopted.

The Moderator announced the remainder of the committees.

Sustentation—W. H. Patton, W. B. Falconer, T. Shoemaker.

Nominations—C. C. McNeil, R. A. Ashworth, J. C. McDonald.

Ministerial Education—J. R. Farish, Geo. B. Parker, L. E. Marshall.

Colportage—C. S. Ray, W. S. Dobbs, F. M. Davis.

Woman's Work—W. S. Culpepper, J. D. Priester, H. B. Wright.

On motion, adjourned till 7:15 p. m.

NIGHT SESSION.

Prayer by R. H. Shamberger.

Order of the hour was the reports on Home and Foreign Missions which were read and after discussing each at length, were adopted, as read.

On motion, adjourned until 9 a. m., Monday.

MONDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Opened with prayer by A. G. Lowrey.

Minutes of Saturday and Sunday were read, corrected and adopted.

Seventh Avenue church, Meridian, presented a letter and was received into the body. Her delegate was not present, having been called away.

Report on Woman's Work read and adopted as read.

On motion, discussions on reports were limited to ten minutes to first speaker and five to all others following.

On motion, Miss Mary Hackett was elected president of Woman's Work.

W. S. Culpepper offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Whereas, it is common rumor that Rev. R. M. Guy, an accredited minister of the gospel in this Association has not only professed himself to have received, but is preaching instantaneous soul and body Sanctification, sinless perfection, second blessing theory, which are as Baptists hold, a specious of heresy. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Association, that Forty-first Avenue church of Meridian, in which Rev. Guy holds membership, should at the earliest convenience, call a counsel of the sisterhood of churches for the purpose of looking into this matter, as much harm and demoralization has already come to the cause of Christ.

The committee on Digest of Church Letters presented their report which was adopted as read.

On motion, query in same report was referred to a committee to be appointed by the Moderator.

Report on Baptist Orphanage was read, pending the adoption of the report, a collection was taken amounting to $3.07, after which the report was adopted.

W. J. David, W. H. Patton, C. C. Dunn, G. L. Donald, Sr., W. S. Culpepper, were appointed a committee to report on the query mentioned in the report on Digest of Church Letters.

The Temperance report was read by W. H. Patton, and on motion was adopted.

Jno. L. Buckley offered the following resolutions:

Whereas, it has been our pleasure to meet in annual session with the Quitman Baptist church, therefore be it

Resolved, 1st: That we extend our sincere thanks to the members of the Quitman Baptist church for the many courtesies shown this body in entertaining and finding homes for the delegates and visitors, and this body further extends thanks to the organist, Miss Maggie Donald and choir for the exquisite music furnished.

Resolved, 2nd: That we highly appreciate the exquisite and royal manner in which the citizens of Quitman have entertrined this body and we extend to them our heartfelt thanks.

The above resolutions were adopted by a rising vote.

Committee on Queries reported that they were unable to answer query sent up by Pleasant Grove for lack of sufficient data.

On motion, the report of committee was approved.

W. H. Patton was, by motion, asked to telephone

State Line church to know if she wanted the Association to meet with her next year. He did so but received no response.

On motion, adjourned till 2 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Devotional exercises by W. S. Culpepper.

C. S. Ray read report on Colportage.

On motion, time was extended to L. A. Duncan so that he might discuss report on Colportage. The report was adopted by a hearty vote.

G. L. Donald, Sr., read report on Ministerial Education which was adopted.

Report on Nominations was adopted.

Report on Sustentation was adopted with the additional footings of the subscription list handed in by special agent C. F. Woods.

Educational Report was read and, by motion, adopted.

The following committee was appointed to attend to any business that may come up between sessions of the body:

W. S. Culpepper, L. A. Duncan, G. L. Donald, Sr., W. H. Patton, W. J. David, C. C. Dunn, and R. A. Venable and L. M. Stone added.

Finance committe reported. Report was approved.

The Moderator authorized any member of this Association who can or may attend any other Association to have his name enrolled as a messenger from this body.

It was recommended that the Executive Committee look into the continued non-representative churches in this body at our annual meetings, also to look after the church property at Vossburg.

The Executive Committee, on motion, were requested to appoint the places for the fifth Sunday meetings of next year, and also to apportion to the different churches the amounts to be raised for 1898, so that the work may be carried on in a systematic manner.

On motion, Clerk was to have a sufficient number of minutes printed to meet the demands and to retain $20.00 for his own services.

Adjourned with prayer by W. S. Culpepper.

L. M. STONE, Moderator,
J. S. HARDEE, Clerk and Treas.

Ordained Ministers and Their Post Offices.

Breckenridge, R. A.	Meridian,	Miss
Culpepper, W. S.	"	"
David, W. J.	"	"
Gressett, A.	"	"
Hackett, J. A.	"	"
Jones, A. I.	DeSoto,	"
Phillips, J. M.	Shubuta	"
Rogers, A. J.	"	"
Ray, C. S.	Enterprise,	"
Holden, R. L.	Meridian,	"
Sumrell, R. W.	Shubuta,	"
Shamberger, R. H.	Gilead,	"
Steinwinder, J. R.	Meridian,	"
Stone, L. M.	"	"
West, W. Z.	Shubuta,	"

LICENTIATES.

Willie McKeever,	Shubuta,	Miss
J. S. Catlett,	Almutcha,	"

CHICKASAHAY ASSOCIATION:

DATE.	PLACE.	MODERATOR.	CLERK.	TREASURER.	PREACHER.	MEMBERS.
1876 Dec. 2	Shubuta	W D Northrup	F C McGehee	M E Norris	W D Northrup	599
1877 Nov. 3	Enterprise	O D Bowen	“	T C McGehee	T J Walne	609
1878 Nov. 29	State Line	O D Bowen	“	J P Seabrook	O D Bowen	696
1879 Sept. 5	Shubuta	W D Northrup	“	T C McGehee	W B Crumpton	717
1880 Sept. 3	Meridian	J W Bozeman	“	“	J M Phillips	634
1881 Sept. 2	Quitman	W D Northrup	“	“	J W Bozeman	581
1882 Sept. 22	Buckatunna	J M Phillips	“	“	W West	778
1883 Sept. 28	Enterprise	J W Bozeman	“	“	W H Carroll	932
1884 Sept. 26	Shubuta	“	“	“	J W Bozeman	1[illegible]13
1885 Sept. 25	Ellisville	“	“	“	L M Stone	1054
1886 Sept. 24	Quitman	“	“	“	J W Bozeman	1339
1887 Sept. 23	Heidelburg	“	W M Conner	W M Conner	L E Hall	1502
1888 Sept. 21	Hattiesburg	S O Y Ray	“	“	T S Powell	1770
1889 Sept. 27	Waynesboro	J W Bozeman	“	“	J B Gambrell	2018
1890 Sept. 26	Ellisville	“	“	“	J A Hackett	2350
1891 Sept. 25	Meridian	“	“	“	G W Knight	2316
1892 Sept, 22	Shubuta	“	O D Bowen	J P Meyer	J A Hackett	2426
1893 Sept. 21	Sandersville	“	“	J F Parker	A V Rowe	2435
1894 Sept 20	Enterprise	“	“	J F Parker	C G Elliott	2644
1895 Oct. 3	Pachuta	L M Stone	J S Hardee	C F Woods	R A Venable	2336
1896 Oct. 1	Mt. Gilean	“	“	J S Hardee	W J David	2281
1897 Nov. 27	Quitman	L M Stone	“	“	R A Venable	2233

REPORTS.

CLERK'S REPORT FOR 1897.

Oct. 1896.

To Cash at Association,	$102 38

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Oct. 1896.

By Check to A. V. Rowe,	$45 13
" Printing 500 Minutes,	28 00
" Stamps and Stationery,	3 00
" Clerk Fee,	25 00
" Balance on hand,	1 25
	$102 38

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Your committee report the following contributions sent up by the churches and disbursements as follows:

For Forein Missions	$ 5 50
" State Missions	12 60
" Home Missions	12 15
" Ministerial Education	4 45
" Orphanage	3 76
" Sustentation	1 00
" Associational purposes	47 40
Collected at Association the following:	
For State Missions	3 25
" Orphanage	3 07
Total	$93 08
By amount handed J. S. Hardee, treasurer	$93 08

G. L. DONALD, Sr.,
Chairman Committee.

SUSTENTATION.

The report of C. F. Woods, treasurer of the fund for the benefit of our aged and needy ministers shows

$51.41 invested, $9.00 on hand and $126 due on notes. Only $1.00 has been sent up this year from the churches.

A suggestion has been made that an arrangement be effected with the orphanage at Jackson to provide a place of domicil for our deserving needy ministers.

True, the convention is supporting in part some of these superanuates, but the time has come when something more permanent must be done. Hence, it is recommended that our Executive Committee open correspondence with Rev. Foster on the subject.

W. H. PATTON,
W. B. FALCONER,
T. SHOEMAKER.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SUSTENTATION FUNDS FROM 1895 TO 1897.

The following is a summary of the report made by C. F. Woods, treasurer of Sustentation fund, appointed in September, 1895:

Outstanding notes or coupons against individuals	$126 00
Note dated Oct. 12, 1897, bearing 8 per cent. interest from date on M. A. B. & L. Ass'n	51 41
Cash on hand	9 00
Total	$186 41

COLPORTAGE.

We, your Committee on Colportage, beg leave to submit the following report:

We regret to note that there is very little (comparatively nothing) being done on this line of work. While we think something should be, there are difficulties that will have to be surmounted. We recommend that this Association take immediate steps by each pastor taking up a collection in his own church to pay up the deficit due L. A. Duncan for advances made by him during the time of the last associational year in this work.

We further recommend that in the colportage work in the future, that the Literature, Bibles, Testaments, etc., of the Southern Baptist Convention Board be used.

C. S. RAY,
W. S. DOBBS.

ORPHANAGE.

We beg to say that we have investigated as far as practicable the work in this line in the Baptist Church of the State.

This work was begun in the State by Bro. L. S. Foster, about three years ago who, through untired energy and laboring under many opposing obstacles, succeeded in establishing an Orphanage at Jackson which was opened to the reception of the homeless and parentless little ones of our State last May.

A most desirable tract of land containing one hundred and twelve acres, lying immediately north of the corporate limits of the city of Jackson has been purchased for the sum of $2,000, and of this $750 is yet due.

It is the purpose of the Baptists of the State to erect an Orphanage on this property. At present a hired house is being used for the purpose.

So it will be seen that our infant organization is greatly in need of funds.

Something has been realized from the land which is cultivated, also from the printing of the job office owned by the Orphanage.

The Orphanage Gem, a monthly magazine, is published in this office, which should be subscribed to by every paper-reading family in the State.

We recommend it to you and ask that special prayer be made for this home of the helpless and that personal contributions be solicited in the way of money and gifts of useful articles for the Orphanage.

We further recommend that churches of this Association institute some systematic method for the collection of donations and contributions at stated times for the benefit of the Orphanage; and that our pastors be requested to urge their churches to liberally contribute to this work.

We also recommend it to the Sunday-schools, Ladies' Aid Societies and other organizations of the church and ask that special contributions be taken for aid in this cause.

This we humbly submit and ask that it stand approved.

A. J. ROGERS,
J. A. W. LOWRY,
A. W. NOBLE.

STATE MISSIONS.

The report of the Convention Board to the last State Convention shows the following statistical information as the result of the year's work:

Days of actual service	6,500
Number of miles traveled	25,000
Number of stations	137
Number of sermons preached	3,850
Church prayer meetings	1,250
Families visited for religious purposes	5,000
Number of persons baptized	547
Baptized by others in meetings where I labored	645
Received by letter	429
Restored to church fellowship	89
Number of churches organized	13
Sunday-schools organized	25
Officers, teachers and scholars in same	500
Total number of Sunday-schools	70
Officers, teachers and scholars in same	5,000
Sunday-school addresses delivered	141
Number of pages of tracts distributed	32,000
Subscribers obtained for Record	268
Amount pledged on "collection book"	
Amount collected on "collection book"	
Pledges	
Money collected for personal services	$2,000
Money collected for State Missions	$1,100
Money collected for other purposes	$2,100
Number of houses of worship commenced	11
Number of houses of worship finished	10
Number of houses of worship repaired	5
Value of houses of worship	$6,000

SUNDAY-SCHOOL AND COLPORTAGE.

It will be remembered that the Hazlehurst Convention ordered the employment of four colporateurs and Sunday-school men in as many parts of our State, with the hope of organizing Sunday-schools and of supplying our people with religious literature—Bibles, books, etc. We give below statement of work in this department during the year, though incomplete:

Total—Days of service, 570; miles traveled, 630; Bibles sold, 202; Bibles given away, 36; Testaments sold, 344; Testaments given away, 27; books sold, 27 books given away, 1; pages tracts distributed, 280; sermons preached, 39; addresses made, 9; prayer meetings held, 76; families destitute of Bibles, 63; Sunday-schools organized, 18; Sunday-schools addressed, 29; subscribers for the Record, 4.

We have held during the year seven colored preachers' institutes, as follows:

S. W. Sibley—Days of service, 14; number in institute, 10; number of lectures, 14.

J. K. Pace—Days of service, 14; number in institute, 8; number of lectures, 42; collection, $4.50; Bibles, 50.

R. A. Venable—Days of service, 16; number in institute, 20; number of lectures, 30; collection, $12.50.

T. G. Sellers—Days of service, 16; number in institute, 11; number of lectures, 12; collection, $1.

T. J. Bailey—Days of service, 16; number in institute, 16; number of lectures, 32; collection, $14.35.

R. A. Cooper—Days of service, 15; number in institute, 23; number of lectures, 30; collection, $1.50.

The necessity for the work was great and much interest was manifested. It will be seen that these were not as well attended as formerly. The reason of this was the poverty, mainly, of the colored man last winter, as he had little corn and less meat in his home.

This work reached nearly all parts of our State and enlisted the interest and sympathy of the Baptist churches throughout the conventional territory.

It deserves an ever-increasing interest on our part and we affectionately urge our churches to enlarged liberalities in the support of this great work. It is our work to evangelize this great State until Baptist churches are in easy reach of our citizenship, and thus more effectually build up our other Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention and also Educational work.

State Missions is basal and as we build wisely in the State all the other great interests of the Master's Kingdom prosper.

W. J. DAVID,
Chairman Commitee.

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

Barnett—Reports an increase in membership of 3; Sunday-school teachers, 6; Sunday-school scholars, 36.

Big Creek—Not represented.

Buckatunna—Not represented.

Clear Creek—Reports a decrease of 6; Sunday-school teachers, 6; Sunday-school scholars, 28.

Concord—Not represented, but has a Sunday-school.

Chicora—Reports an increase of 28; Union Sunday-school without any statistics.

De Soto—Reports an increase of 7; Sunday-school teachers, 4; Sunday-school scholars, 38.

Enterprise—Reports an increase of 3; Sunday-school teachers, 5; Sunday-school scholars, 52.

Fairfield—Not represented, but has a Sunday-school.

Fairmount—Not represented.

Forty-first Avenue—Reports a decrease in membership of 10; Sunday-school teachers, 9; Sunday-school scholars, 130.

Fifteenth Avenue—Reports an increase in membership, 24; Sunday-school teachers, 13; Sunday-school scholars, 150.

Harmony—Reports an increase in membership of 5; Sunday-school teachers, 7; Sunday-school scholars, 65.

Hepzibah—Reports an increase in membership of 4; Union Sunday-school.

Highland—Reports an increase in membership of 2; Sunday-school teachers, 6; Sunday-school scholars, 70.

Lauderdale—Not represented, but has a Sunday-school.

Meridian, First Church—Reports an increase of 11; Sunday-school teachers, 27; Sunday-school scholars, 180.

Mt. Zion—Reports an increase in membership of 10; no Sunday-school.

Mt. Gilead—Reports an increase of 12; Sunday-school teachers, 3; Sunday-school scholars, 20.

Narkeeter—Not represented.

New Hope—Reports an increase in membership of 3; Sunday-school teachers, 2; Sunday-school scholars, 1.

Oak Grove—Reports an increase of 18; Sunday-school teachers, 5; Sunday-school scholars, 57.

Pachuta—Reports an increase of 31; Sunday-school teachers, 7; Sunday-school scholars, 35.

Poplar Springs—Reports an increase in membership of 2; Sunday-school teachers, 7; Sunday-school scholars 50.

Quitman—Reports no increase; Sunday-school teachers, 7; Sunday-school scholars, 35.

Salem—Not represented, but has an increase of 8; Sunday school.

Shubuta—Reports an increase of 1; Sunday-school teachers, 8; Sunday-school scholars, 55.

Stonewall—Reports an increase in membership of 18; Sunday-school teachers, 13; Sunday-school scholars, 140.

South Side—Reports an increase in membership of 6; Sunday-school teachers, 10; Sunday-school scholars, 128.

State Line—Not represented, but has a Sunday-school.

Vossburg—Not represented.

Pleasant Grove—Reports an increase of 11; Sunday-school teachers, 4; Sunday-school scholars, 20.

Seventh Avenue—Reports a membership of 19; Sunday-school teachers, 5; Sunday-school scholars, 50.

Pleasant Grove sends up the following query:

What would be the proper course for a church to take with her members who have embraced sanctificationist doctrine or "Guyism" which is pervading our country? Could she grant them letters with propriety? Is not such heresy?

W. S. CULPEPPER,
J. L. BUCKLEY,
L. A. DUNCAN.

REPORT ON QUERIES.

We, your committee to whom was referred the queries of Pleasant Grove Church, recommend that:

Whereas, we, as an Association, are not in possession of sufficient information and data as to the teaching of Rev. R. M. Guy, therefore, are unable to answer the queries.

W. J. DAVID,
W. H. PATTON,
G. L. DONALD, Sr.,
C. C. DUN,
W. S. CULPEPPER.

HOME MISSIONS.

It is gratifying to announce the advancement in the Home Mission work and the increase in the contributions to this work since it has been put in charge of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Since 1893 the contributions have increased from $1,893.41 to $3,191.36, showing $1,297.95 more contributed in 1897 than in 1893. This shows that our State Convention made no mistake in establishing this cooperation work with the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Our State Board contemplates increasing the work in this department for the ensuing year. This will require more liberal contributions from the churches of our Association.

In order that the Board may be able to accomplish the work contemplated and not become involved in debt, we urge upon every Baptist in this Association to make more liberal contributions for the ensuing year than formerly.

G. L. DONALD, Sr.,
F. HEISS,
J. M. ROSS.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our Missionary operations, as a denomination, embraces the following fields designated for convenience:

State Missions, under the call of our State Mission Board, located at Jackson, Miss., of which Rev. A. V. Rowe is the corresponding secretary; the work of this Board is confined to building the waste places in our own State.

Home Missions, under the direction of the Home Mission Board, located in Atlanta, Ga., of which Rev. I. T. Tichenor is the secretary; the work of this Board is to aid the respective Boards in building up the waste places throughout our Southern States, the Indian Territory and the Island of Cuba.

Foreign Missions, under the direction of the Foreign Mission Board, located in Richmond, Va., of which Rev. [illegible] Willingham is secretary; the work of this Board comprises our Missionary operations in Heathan and Papal lands, such as Africa, China, Japan, Mexico, Brazil and Italy. We have in these various fields much to encourage us in spite of the great difficulties which confront us on every hand.

We are glad to note substantial and continuous growth in this department of our mission work. This will be manifest in the light of the following figures: In 1877, twenty years ago, we had 16 missionaries and 32 native assistants, 48 workers in all; the contributions were $32,276. In 1887, ten years ago, we had 116 missionaries and native assistants, 228 baptisms, 1551 members and the contributions were $80,830.53. In 1897 we reported 190 missionaries and native assistants, 660 baptisms, 4,324 members and $125,681.99 in contributions. We should thank God and press forward.

We were asked last Conventional year to give to this work the sum of $7,200. As to how well we responded to this request we will let the secretary of our State work, Rev. A. V. Rowe, answer: "As we had a credit of about $1,000 to begin the year on account of delayed contributions from our State, the acceptance of the apportionment involved the raising of about $6,250. We are gratified to report that response from our churches was so generous as to carry the amount to $7,500, giving us a showing on the books of the Foreign Mission Board of $8,528.22.

In the effort at Wilmington to wipe out the debt of the Foreign Mission Boards, the Mississippi delegation promised, in sixty days, from our State, $500. There has already been forwarded this amount."

Our State Convention recommends that we give this Conventional year the sum of $7,500. This, our 106,000 Baptists in Mississippi, can do with ease.

We, your committee, recommend that the Executive Board of this Association prorate the amount to be raised by this body among the churches within our bounds at the earliest possible date and send to each church the amount she is expected to raise. Further, we recommend that the pastors of their respective churches begin some systematic effort to raise the sum apportioned to his church by the 15th of April, 1898. We would emphasize the importance of our pastors preaching upon the subject, and the employing of such other agencies as may be helpful in informing our people upon this branch of our work. The Foreign Mission Journal should be placed in every Baptist home in our State.

C. C. DUN,
W. J. DAVID,
J. R. MEYERS.

WOMAN'S WORK.

Woman's Work is and has ever been "a helpmeet" to man.

God saw it was not well for man to be alone even in the Paradise of Eden, so he gave him woman in a tie so close that the two is one.

While this is true in a social sense it is equally as true in the moral duties and possibilities of the life of man. Hence the old adage, "the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." While her work begins around her own hearthstone it does not stop there. Those who think she should always "keep silent," forget to look up and down the path of the faithful of the past (?). There we see the footprints of the noble women too, as well as those of man. They forget she first nursed our Savior at Bethlehem and cared for Him in His infintile state. While a stingy man complained she poured the precious ointment upon His head, bathed His feet in tears, and wiped them with her hair.

She was last at the cross and first at the tomb. She bore the tidings of His resurrection to His disciples and is still helping to send "the glad tidings of good news" to fallen man.

For the year just ending the report of the Central Committee show the following contributions:

Foreign Missions	$25,000 00
Home Missions	21,542 64
And 358 boxes valued at	21,475 03

have been given to State, Home and Foreign work.

To measure Woman's. Work by dollars and cents only, would be unjust. If we could but sum up the number of bodies fed, clothed and warmed, and the number of souls led to Christ from the "slums of sin and death" and add these numbers to the dollars and cents we might get a just conception of Woman's Work.

Yet they want and need the encouragement and help of Christian men.

We would therefore urge the organization of "Ladies Aid Societies" in every church where they are not, and encouragement of those already in existence.

We recommend that a lady vice-president be appointed for this Association to co-operate with the president of the Central Committee and that the secretary of each society report quarterly to said vice-president for the coming year.

W. S. CULPEPPER,
H. B. WRIGHT,
J. D. PRIESTER.

EDUCATION.

Education is an art, the art namely, of drawing out or developing the faculties of training human beings for the function of which they are destined, and results in causing human beings to lead more refined, more exalted and more Christian-like lives. It has existed as an art from the very infancy of society.

It is the art of training up our girls and boys to be intelligent, virtuous and active women and men. Capable of turning their talents to account in whatever situation they may be placed.

After being educated, a person should know how to impart his knowledge. It is a great error to suppose that because a man knows a thing, he can therefore teach it. Teaching is one of the most difficult arts, and requires natural aptitude and acquired skill.

The State of Mississippi furnishes its citizens with a splendid system of common school education, free to all, and we would most respectfully urge the Baptists of this Association to take advantage of the "golden opportunity" and send their children to school, and enable them to be prepared to enter our colleges whenever circumstances of the parents will permit. As to higher education within our fold, we beg to say that the time has come when the Baptists of the State of Mississippi must meet competition—that is, if we expect our denominational institutions of learning to prosper and blossom as the spring-time rose. This is a serious question and in order to surmount any and all bearers and obstacles with which we must contend, we should handle it with a sacred, sober thought.

We would therefore recommend that we provide our denominational colleges with the very best moral and intellectual talent to compose our faculties. This can be done by a little execution, for it is said the opportunity was never better to get splendid equipped educators at moderate salaries than at present. Cultured men who come as graduates from the very best seats of learning in this country and Europe.

Our preceptors should not only be well equipped educators, but they should be thoroughly imbued with our faith and order and the work in which they are engaged.

With all of the aforesaid prerequisites our denominational institutions will flourish, for they will not turn out our boys and girls with simply scholarship, but will mould for them character. Such boys and girls will be in demand in every station of life. They will be wanted in the business circles; they will be wanted in our Sunday-schools and churches. In other words, they will be leaders in every avenue of life.

Last, but not least, in order that our denominational colleges may be able to compete with the institutes of learning in the State of Mississippi, they must be endowed, and in addition to endowments, we ought to have in connection with Mississippi College, a law and medical department, and we venture to say, the day is not far distant when the Baptists of this State will see the absolute necessity ot the foregoing—that is, if the signs of the times indicate anything.

In conclusion, we beg to say that we deeply sympathize with Bro. L. M. Stone in the late loss of his college buildings by fire, at Shuqulak; but we are glad to note that he has re-established Stone Female College at Meridian, Miss., and we commend to the people within the bounds of this Association and throughout east and south Mississippi the aforesaid college as an institution for the education ot girls and young ladies.

Respectfully submitted,
JNO. L. BUCKLEY,
GEO. L. DONALD, Jr.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The importance of education will not be denied by any in this day of enlightenment; but notwithstanding this general concession ot its importance, it must be admitted that greater value has been and is attached to the training and education of the mind in that which relates to its intellectual part, to the neglect of that higher department of the mind which mental philosophers term "sensibilities."

Mental philosophers divide the human mind into intellect or understanding, sensibilities or sentiment states of the mind and of the will. God intended that all these departments of the mind should be developed and educated to the fullest extent. If this education is neglected we disregard the great purpose of God in thus endowing us. What then is our duty? It is to educate, develop fully and thoroughly all the faculties of the mind and heart with which we have been endowed.

The human mind has been compared to the soul, it cannot produce well without culture. So the mind without education can never produce good fruit. Hence, the importance of general education.

Ministerial education is of more importance. It comprises more. The feelings are to be disciplined, the passions are to be restrained, true and worthy motives to be inspired, profound religious feelings are to be instilled and pure morality inculcated. We have good faculties for ministerial education at our college at Clinton, Miss., and urge our people to sustain it. There are a number of young men there studying for the ministry, and it is both our duty and our privilege to aid them to our utmost ability in making preparation for the great work to which they are called. Submitted,

G. L. DONALD, Sr.,
GEO. B. PARKER,
L. E. MARSHALL.

PUBLICATIONS.

Of course the publications that we are to patronize and commend come under the head of religious literature. The land is flooded with another and a very vicious and hurtful kind, and it behooves our people to be on the alert to check, note and hold it off with that which is pure and wholesome.

The Holy Scriptures ought to have precedence over all other books, because it is the Word of God and Rule of Life. We should have it without stint in our homes, in our hands and in our hearts; and see to it that other people have it also. There are also many other good books of history, biography and stories which are very elevating in their character, which should be in all of our homes, churches and Sunday-school libraries, and the people induced to read them.

We would again commend to our people our excellent periodical literature on Missions, Sunday-schools and Churches, they will afford our people sure and helpful instruction on all lines of denominational life and work. The Foreign Mission Journal, the organ of the Foreign Mission Board, at Richmond, Va., which abounds in news and incentives, may be had at 25 cents per annum, in clubs of ten, ought to be in all the homes of our people. Our Home Field, the organ of our Home Mission Board, at Atlanta, Ga., is likewise an informant and stimulant and can be secured for the sum of 10 cents per annum in clubs of ten, and should go with the Journal into all of our homes.

We are also glad to commend the literature published by our Convention Board, at Nashville Tenn., as equal to all demands of our people and worthy of our hearty support.

Lastly, the Baptist Record, the organ of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and of all our Associations and churches is with our people in its prime, with its policy of fairness to aid in fearless defense of the truth as Baptists hold it. It is always full of good things and ready to help every good enterprise. We heartily commend it to the favorable consideration of our people.

Respectfully Submitted,
W. S. CULPEPPER,
R. H. SHAMBERGER,
J. R. MYERS.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

An erroneous idea has obtained that Sunday-schools are intended for little children only. Hence it is not an unusual thing for boys to imagine that they can get too large to attend. There is a great danger of this class drifting into evil company and thus help to swell the gatherings of idlers at the street corners or straying into the woods on the Lord's Day.

There is but one way of correcting this evil, and that is for parents to take part in the Sunday-schools, either as teacher or member of the Bible class. Let it be understood that it is a place for studying the Scriptures, and that faithful instruction is given. Boys seek for knowledge and when they realize the fact that they are learning, they will show their interest by attendance.

Too many of our churches are negligent upon this point; while some altogether fail to appreciate the work. In both cases our cause suffers, and often influence over the young is lost, and they yield to the temptations of the world, unless drawn into other Christian folds. As a consequence it often occurs that "God removes the candle stick out of its place."

The church that has no Sunday-school now, is without excuse. Our Sunday-school Board furnishes an excellent literature at a very low price, and issues the cheapest Bibles and New Testaments, in which the latter dispense with the titles "St." for the gospels and have the pronouncing features.

It is important that we have a sound literature, and the fact must be recognized that the young people will read something. If we do not furnish them the pure and wholesome, they will accept and in time follow after the evil. In this day the impure is secretly sent nto hundreds of Christian homes and thereby is sown broadcast.

If we would have the children interested in the Sunday-school work, we must not only teach them something but we must give them something to do. Older people very often forget that they were once children themselves. Some are putting into practice the false idea that there is such a thing as graduating from the Sunday-school. It is a question of development to meet the need of teachers, officers and visitors. Old people as well as the young must be looked after and visited in order to keep them in line.

L. A. DUNCAN,
A. I. JONES,
W. B. CRAFT.

TEMPERANCE.

Prohibition has driven the open saloon and the legalized liquor-traffic from nearly the entire State and with it has been driven out the accompanying evils, profanity, gambling, etc. There has also been a marked progress in total abstinence, and an onward march to higher planes of living.

It is stimulating in the minds of the young to greater aspirations and nobler sentiments, which tend to purer thought of mind and greater rectitude of life.

It is driving out evil and establishing truth on every hill top and in every valley throughout the nation.

While we as a Christian nation have made great progress, yet there is much to be done. Though in this State we have one of the best local option laws in the Union, yet intemperance finds its chief encouragement and strength in the sanctions of the law in legalizing, protecting and receiving revenue from the traffic.

We, as Christians, should take an uncompromising stand against intemperance and persistently press the cause of temperance and prohibition from the sacred desk, in the Sabbath school, in the school room, by the fireside, through the press and from the ballot box, until this great evil is entirely driven from our commonwealth. We should inculcate in the minds of the rising generation to condemn the evils of intemperance including the social glass and its demoralizing influences.

We recommend that the following protest be reaffirmed.

1st. Against that policy of our national government known as the Federal Tax or Intoxicating Liquors, whereby this government and every citizen possessed of the right of suffrage, as an integral part of the government, is made a partner in the liquor business.

2nd. Against the policy of our national government in the issuance of Federal Privilege Tax to dealers in prohibited districts, thereby encouraging crime and the violation of the State laws.

We also recommend that the following resolutions be re-affirmed :

1st. That the sense of this Association is, if a church member visit a saloon, sign whisky petitions, go on bonds of liquor sellers, vote for the sale, or in anyway countenance or encourage the traffic of intoxicating liquors, it is conduct unworthy of a Christian and should be brought under church discipline.

2nd. That we will withdraw from any church and refuse to receive any church failing or refusing to enforce discipline as set forth in the foregoing resolutions.

Respectfully Submitted,
W. H. PATTON.

NOMINATIONS.

Your committee on Nominations have met and considered the matter before them.

We recommend that the next session of this body be held with South Side Baptist church, Meridian, Miss., on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September 1898.

We recommend that Eld. J. A. Hackett, of Meridian, Miss., be appointed to preach the introductory sermon, that it be preached at 11 o'clock a. m. on that day.

As alternate we recommend Eld. J. R. Farish, of Meridian, Miss.

Your committee recommend the appointment of Eld. W. S. Culpepper as delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, with Bro. W. J. David as Alternate.

Respectfully Submitted,
O. C. McNEILL,
J. C. McDONALD.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1st. The name of this body shall be the Chickasahay Baptist Association.

Art. 2. Its object shall be the promotion of the Redeemer's Kingdom, by the concentration of Christian labor; the inculcation of Bible Truth and the cultivation of friendly intercourse among the churches.

Art. 3. Members of the Association may be of two classes, viz: delegates and messengers, the first class only have the right to vote and to produce evidence of their appointment by the churches which they propose to represent before being entitled to seats.

Art. 4. Each church belonging to the Association shall be entitled to two delegates until its membership shall exceed fifty and an additional delegate for each fifty thereafter, provided that ministers who are memcers of any such churches but supply other pulpits may be appointed as additional delegates above the regular quota.

Art. 5. The Association shall only have the power of an advisary council and shall in no wise infringe upon the rights or independence of the churches.

Art. 6. No queries shall be considered by the Association unless regularly sent up through the churches, nor shall difficulties between the churches be discussed until other methods of settlement have been tried without avail.

Art. 7. The Association shall meet annually, or may be agreed upon; and after enrolling the names of the delegates, proceed by ballot to the election of a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be ex-officio Treasurer of the Association.

Art. 8. The duties of the various officers shall be similar to those of all deliberate bodies, and Mill's Parliamentary Manual shall be the basis of all decisions of order.

Art. 9. Churches holding the Articles of Faith adopted by this body may become members of the Association by a unanimous vote, and letters of dismissal may be obtained without assigning a reason therefor, by a concurrence of a majority, while the Association claims the right of withdrawing from such churches as it shall deem heterodox or disorderly.

Art. 10. The Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of the Association by a vote of three-fourths of the delegates present; provided the proposed alteration or amendment shall have been submitted at the session immediately preceding.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1st. We believe in one God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost—equal in power and Glory.

2nd. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old Testament and New were written by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.

3rd. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, of total depravity and of man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

4th. We believe that God chose his people, in Jesus Christ, before the foundation of the world, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

5th. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only.

6th. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth;

and he has commanded it to be preached to every creature, therefore all are required to obey.

7th. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith and the only evidence of justification; and that all believers will abound therein from a principle of love.

8th. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, the just and the unjust; the general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9th. We believe that a visible Church of Christ is composed of faithful persons only who have covenanted to keep up a discipline agreeable to the New Testament.

10th. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only law-giver of his church and that the government is with the church, each member having equal right therein.

11th. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the ordinances of the church, and are to be continued until the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

12th. We believe that immersion alone is Baptism and can be administered only by those duly set apart by the church and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects for the ordinance.

13th. We believe that regularly baptized believers only have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1st. All meetings of this Association shall be opened with prayer, and closed with prayer or benediction.

2nd. The officers of the Association shall hold their positions until successors are chosen.

3rd. The Moderator shall preside, or some brother whom he may designate while speaking, and shall preserve order; his decisions being final, unless an appeal is immediately made to the body.

4th. It shall be in order for male delegates and messengers only to discuss questions or speak publicly in the sessions of the body, and only one member shall speak at a time who shall rise and address the Moderator.

5th. No member shall be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject under discussion, or uses personal reflection.

6th. Every motion made and seconded shall be put to a vote, unless withdrawn by the mover.

7th. After allowing due time for debate, all questions taken up shall be disposed of before any other motion can be entertained.

8th. No member shall speak more than once upon the same subject without permission of the Association, nor shall any practice be tolerated which interrupts speaking

9th. Members shall use the term brother when speaking of each other, and shall be rebuked by the Moderator for violation of these rules.

10th. These rules may be altered or amended at any annual meeting by a two-third vote of the members present.

AN APPEAL TO THE CHURCHES.

When you elect your delegates to the Association, insist that they be there at the organization of the body and that they remain throughout the entire session.

As it now is, the ministers and a few others have nearly all the work to do. The delegates do not stay long enough, if they even get to the meeting to see and become organized with the workings of the body, therefore, one of the great purposes is thwarted.

Fairfield and Buckatunna sent in money after the minutes had been written up, therefore no showing will be made of same in statistical table, however, the money will be promptly forwarded to the proper party.

Our statistical table shows a decrease in membership this year when it should show an increase over last year. This is due to some of the churches not reporting at all and others have sent up their statistics in bad shape.

The Associational letter to be filled out correctly should show, first the contributions of the church under the head of Church Record, and the contributions of the Sunday School under the head of Sunday School

Record division, giving all the data or information you possibly can by filling out the blanks. Under the head of Woman's Missionary Society you will find ample space for anything you may wish to report, there add all of the contributions from the Church, Sunday School and Woman's Missionary Society together and set it opposite the purpose for which it was given under the Aggregate Contributions head; by so doing you will confer a great favor on the future clerks.

Now lets have a good representation at the next meeting which will be on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in Sept. 1898, with South Side Baptist Church, Meridian, Miss.

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Barnett	Barnett	**W A Rapier**	N R Hoble		7			2			39			$ 50 00	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 7 00	$	$	$	$ 65	$ 57 65
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DeSoto	DeSoto	**A G Lowry**	G B Parker	9	2		1	2	1		56	38	4	70 00		1 00	1 00				1 00	63 96	9 50			147 00
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South Side	Meridian	**A J Rogers**	J M Hickman	1	16			10	1	2	60			58 77						6 05	5 80		26 87		1 00	98 49
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